

Sinclair Broadcasting's plan to make their stations air an anti- John Kerry documentary just days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and violation of federal law.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves for free and therefore is charged with a duty to serve the public interest. But when large companies such as Sinclair control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.